

NSLAPR Literacy Report

Final Report of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016
(with some addition information on current programming)

1. LAL 2015-2016

- a. Contest deadlines were
 - i. December 4, 2015 Level 3 (grades 9-12)
 - January 11, 2016 Level 2 (grades 7 & 8) and Level 1 (grades 4-6)
- b. Total number of letters received 610 (63% increase from previous year)
 - i. Level 1 – 247 (50% increase from previous year)
 - ii. Level 2 – 147 (18% increase from previous year)
 - iii. Level 3 – 216 (143% increase from previous year)
- c. Thank you to Judges
 - i. Jeanette Hammons
 - ii. Sheila Moulton
 - iii. Kathleen Galland-Collins
 - iv. Kimberly Peterson
- d. 68 letters made it to state level judging
 - i. Level 1 – 22
 - ii. Level 2 – 17
 - iii. Level 3 – 29
- e. One ceremony held on June 22, 2016 at the Governor's Office at the Grant Swayer Building in Las Vegas
 - i. Thank you to Sheila Moulton for coming
 - ii. Level 1 Winner – Erin Choi, homeschooler
 - iii. Level 2 Winner – Sneha Sridhar, The Meadows School
 - iv. Level 3 Winner – Haley Bain, Northwest Career and Technical Academy

2. LAL 2015-2016

- a. Contest deadlines were
 - i. December 2, 2016 Level 3 (grades 9-12)
 - January 9, 2017 Level 2 (grades 7 & 8) and Level 1 (grades 4-6)
- b. Judges needed
 - i. Robbie will send out an email so that you can respond

3. Summer Reading Program

- a. 14 public libraries participating in subgrant
 - i. Amargosa, Beatty, Boulder City, Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Elko-Lander-Eureka, Henderson, Humboldt, Lyon, Mineral, North Las Vegas, Pahrump and Pershing
 - ii. 13,643 participants started the program
 - iii. 5,962 finished the program
 - iv. Libraries hosted 1,141 programs for patrons of all ages
 - v. Libraries reported at least 9,031 guests in attendance
 - vi. 367,172 items circulated during summer reading programs (of those funded using LSTA monies)
 - vii. 34 individual public library locations hosted programming

4. National Book Festival, September 5, 2016

- a. NV's selection is *Rumble*, by Ellen Hopkins
 - i. Ellen signed books for 1 ½ hours
 - ii. Reports are that we had a record year with attendance, estimated at 70,000.
 - iii. Approximately 120 speakers

5. National Book Festival, September 24, 2016

- a. NV's selection is *Three in a Tub*, by Mary Jane Zakas
 - i. Mary Jane attended the conference with Robbie DeBuff, helped man the booth, stamping maps, signing bookmarks and books purchased from Library of Congress book store on site.
 - ii. Reports haven't come in yet as to the number of attendees at this year's festival.
 - iii. Approximately 100 speakers
 - iv. Next year's event is being planned, and will be held September 2, 2017

6. NV Reads 2015-2016

- a. NV's selection is *We Are Called to Rise*, by Laura McBride
- b. October 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016
- c. 9 programs scheduled for Laura McBride
 - i. NLA, Paseo Verde Library, Northwest Reno Library, Carson City Library, Douglas County Library (Minden), Laughlin Library, West Charleston Library, Mesquite Library, and Aliante Library
- d. 315 books were purchased for libraries participating in the program, LVCCLD purchased: 90 eAudiobooks, 114 eBooks, and 341 print. All copies circulated 1,298 times.
- e. 32 programs with 258 people attending, were hosted throughout the state

7. NV Reads 2016-2017

- a. NV's selection is *Grind*, by Mark Maynard
 - i. A truck driver with the I.Q. of a child drives his empty rig up and down the Interstate as an homage to his dead mother ("Deadheading"), two convicts seek redemption by helping a group of horses get their freedom beyond the gates ("Penned"), a pawnshop owner senses the painful past of the many objects lining his shelves ("Trading Up"), a schizophrenic homeless man hits it big on a belligerent slot machine and then disappears into the wilds along the Truckee River before he gets the payout that would change his life forever ("Jackpot"). These linked stories play out within sight of the Mother Lode hotel and casino, a glass monolith that looms over downtown Reno and whose peeling façade represents a dwindling past and the uncertain future in all their lives. *Grind*, Mark Maynard's debut collection of stories examines the characters of a town whose means and meanings are eroding and are searching for the next big thing, or at least the next thing. Each of their lives are interconnected in surprising ways and the book examines the idea of "occupations" and how much *what we do* defines *who we are*.
- b. October 3, 2016 through February 28, 2017
- c. 13 programs scheduled for Mark Maynard
 - i. Spanish Springs Library (10/9/16), South Valleys Library (10/13/16), Humboldt County Library (11/4/16), Elko County Library (11/5/16), Douglas County Library (11/12/16), Incline Village Library (11/15/16), Downtown Reno Library (11/20/16), Carson City Library (12/3/16), Laughlin Library (1/21/17), Boulder City Library (2/4/17), Centennial Hills Library (2/4/17), Boulder City Library (2/4/17), Mesquite Library (2/18/17), and Aliante Library (2/18/17)

8. NCLabs

- a. NCLab Computer Programming and 3D Modeling programs are a great opportunity for students of ages 9-16 to
 - learn essential 21st century STEM job skills,
 - improve their problem-solving skills,
 - learn how to persevere and handle failure,
 - make new friends with equally-minded peers,
 - reinforce a positive relationship with their local library.

NCLab programs combine fun self-paced interactive learning with creative activities and competitions. Librarians do not have to be experts in coding or 3D modeling.
- b. NSLAPR, using LSTA funding has purchased subscriptions for 8 library jurisdictions, those who showed interest. Currently the subscriptions are running through 36 individual libraries. These subscriptions have been active since March, 2016 and will run through June 30, 2017.
- c. Usage stats for March through June 2016 are as follows:
 - i. 711 users have learned NCLab and used the program.
 - ii. Although a step based program, we do not have stats on how many steps users have accessed and run through.